

Disaster Debris Management Planning

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Overview

- Local Government Introductory Guidance on Debris Management
- Next Steps
 - CEM Plan Template - Outreach
 - Disaster Debris Management Plan
 - Training and guidance

Local Government Guidance

- Intro for those who have done little or no planning for disaster debris – starting point
- Plug gap in state guidance
- Not comprehensive or detailed - covers major issue areas & provides links for more detailed info
- Initial step of ongoing effort to improve planning for disaster debris management

Key Themes

- Divert debris to maximum extent possible
 - Emphasize up-front separation for collection
- Determine debris management sites in advance
- Track and monitor work for reimbursement

Guidance Topics

- Local debris management team
- Debris quantities and types
- Debris clearance/collection
- Debris management sites
- Communication and outreach

Debris Management Team

- Local govt. – primary response role
- Connect with emergency management plan
 - Establish debris management component
- Anticipate and assign debris mgmt. roles and responsibilities
- Pre-planning
 - Identify resources: staff, contracts, equipment, sites, etc.

Debris Clearance and Collection

- 1st stage of debris management
- Assess available equipment, existing contracts, collection routes, drop-off options
- Coordinate with utilities, public works/highway agencies, law enforcement
- Separate debris at time of collection
- Integrate into contracts and outreach

Debris Management Sites

- Site selection - criteria
 - DEP site selection worksheet – identify preferable sites
 - Needs will depend on what activities, materials expect to handle
 - USACE – 16,117 cubic yards/acre
 - Only 40% used for debris storage

Debris Management Sites (cont)

- Notify DEP of site location and operations
- Best management practices for operating
- Keep debris separated – maximize diversion
- Burning not preferred option
 - Only with specific advance DEP, Fire Dept, BOH approval
 - Air curtain technology
 - Vegetative debris only
- FEMA reimbursement guidelines

Debris Management Sites (cont.)

- Only allowed for temporary use
- Need to return to pre-disaster condition
- Remove all materials from site
- If used for mixed debris – soil and GW sampling
- Notify DEP of closure – DEP confirm closed properly

Communication and Outreach

- Non-traditional channels
- Emphasize debris segregation
- Specific, practical information

Next Steps

- Work with local governments to improve planning
 - Integrate into CEM Plan Template
 - Review site selection worksheets
 - Support local debris management planning
- State Debris Management Plan
 - Goal – Issue revised plan by end of 2007
- Training sessions – spring 2008?

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